## Edexcel A level Mathematics Vectors

## Section 1: Vectors in three dimensions

## Crucial points

1. Use vector notation correctly

Remember that in handwriting you should underline vectors, or in the case of a vector joining two points, use an arrow above, e.g. $\overrightarrow{\mathrm{AB}}$.
2. Make sure you know how to find the resultant of two vectors To find the resultant of two or more vectors simply add them together.
3. Make sure you know how to find the vector joining two points The vector $\overrightarrow{\mathrm{AB}}$ is found by $\overrightarrow{\mathrm{AB}}=\overrightarrow{\mathrm{OB}}-\overrightarrow{\mathrm{OA}}$
4. Make sure that you know how to find a unit vector

To find a unit vector in the same direction as a given vector, a, you divide by the magnitude, $|\mathbf{a}|$.

